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Report of the Executive Committee.

THE Executive Committee have to report with great Resignation of regret that Lord Playfair has been compelled to resign his post of Chairman on account of failing health. desire to take this opportunity of placing on record their sense of the great services which he has freely given on behalf of the College.

Lord Playfair joined the Executive Committee in 1888, aud after the death of Dr. Armitage in 1890, became its chairman; he took an active part in the preparation of the Bye-laws and Constitution which were adopted in 1889: and his wide educational experience and influence have been of the greatest advantage in promoting the interests of the College.

The recent negotiations with the London School Board were carried out with his assistance, and he kindly consented to retain the Chairmanship until those arrangements were completed.

Mr. W. F. D. Smith, one of the Trustees of the College, New Chairhas been elected by the Executive Committee to succeed Lord Playfair.

The thanks of all friends of the blind are due to the Gardner Committee of the Gardner Trust. The Gardner Scholarships, open by competitive examination to all the young blind of England and Wales, show from year to year increasing practical results.

There have taken place during the year the following Meetings during 1896. meetings:-

A Special Meeting of the General Council was held at

Grosvenor Honse, on February 14th, 1896, to consider and act upon the negotiations which had been carried on between the Executive Committee and the School Board for London. His Grace The Duke of Westminster presided.

The Annual Meeting of the General Council was held at the Beard Room of the Crystal Palace, on July 10th, and was fellowed by the Annual Prize Festival in the Crystal Palace. An Orchestral Concert was given, and at the Meeting which followed, Sir John Stainer, Mus. Doc., presided. The best thanks of the Committee are due to Lady Stainer for kindly presenting the Prizes on that occasion.

On June 10th the Annual Meeting of the Indigent Blind Visiting Society was held at the College; the Right Rev. Bishop Barry presiding.

The following Garden Parties were given :-

May 30th.—On the invitation of the South Place Ethical Society Ramblers.

July 4th.—On the invitation of the late Rev. John Preslaud.

July 11th.—On the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Wm, H. Cummings.

Subject to a mortgage of £4,500, the purchase of "Walmer" has new been completed. Alterations and repairs to the property have been effected, and it is now a most nseful addition to the buildings and grounds of the College. It should be especially noted that "Walmer" has not been transferred with the remainder of the College property to the London School Board, having been acquired since the transfer was arranged.

The Agreement for the transfer of the larger part of the College property to the Lendon School Beard was explained in the last Annual Report; as, however, the transfer has been only recently completed, some further details may be of interest.

The actual transfer to the Beard did not take place until Jaunary 15th of the present year, although the Trustees of

Purchase of "Walmer,"

Transfer of College Property to the London School Board. the College had signed the contract on their part nearly a

year previous to that date.

A scheme formed under the provisions of the Charitable Trust Acts, authorizing the transfer, was sealed by the Charity Commissioners on December 4th, 1896. scheme set forth that the purchase money, which was to be not less than £22,000, might be applied in discharging the mortgages upon the property sold, and that a further sum. not exceeding £4,000, might be applied towards discharging other liabilities of the College. The surplus was to be held as Capital under the control of the Commissioners.

The Committee have supplemented the Annual Statement of Accounts with an approximate statement of the Financial position of the College on January 15th last, the date of

transfer.

The management of the College is now by agreement United Board. with the School Board vested in a United Board, consisting of the following members :-

Six members of the School

Mr. Davies.

Mr. Diggle, Mr. Gautry,

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Mr. Graham Wallas,

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Together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board as ex-officio members.

Six members of the Executive Committee of the Royal Normal

The Hon. W. F. D. Smith,

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Mr. Miall,

Mr. Henderson,

Mr. Rose.

Mr. Western.

Mr. Davies has been elected chairman of the United Board for the year.

The School Board has taken over the entire staff of the College, and the whole of the pupils, as from January 15th, and under the direction of the United Board, the College is being conducted as nearly as possible on the same lines as heretofore. The number of pupils in the College on January 15th was 179, of whom the London School Board is responsible for 54, whereas the Executive Committee of the College is responsible for 112. Since that date the number of School Board children has increased to 62.

Terms for Pupils. The School Board has provisionally fixed the terms of payment which they require in respect of pupils for whom they are uot legally responsible at:—

For pupils under 13 . . . £45 per annum , between 13 and 16 . . £55 ,, over 16 £60 ,,

The fact that these terms were communicated to other School Boards as coming into operation in October, 1896 accounts for the withdrawal of some pupils and the consequent reduction in the number under instruction which last year had reached 214.

Statement of Earnings of Past Pupils for 1896. Past pupils of the College have, during 1896, earned about £24,000. The demand for the work of the Old Pupils' Guild increases every year, and there is urgent need of additional subscriptions to that fund.

Government Grant. The Government graut earned in the last year is £562 3s. 9d.

Finances.

The conditions under which the Committee have been compelled to work during the past year have seriously affected the finances of the College, the excess of payments over receipts up to December 31st having amounted to £1,173 5s. 3d. This deficiency has, by permission of the Charity Commissioners been met out of the purchase mouey, and the Committee start the year with a small balance in hand.

Funds required by the Executive Committee.

By reforence to the seales of payment above referred to, it is estimated that the Executive Committee will still have to depend on voluntary effort to the extent of at least £7,000 per annum, if the numbers on January 15th last be taken as a basis. Boyoud this some margin must be allowed for working expenses, and it is probable that as the younger pupils pass

through the elementary stages larger demands will have to be made for the instruction of those over 16 whom the School Board caunot legally provide for.

The Executive Committee desire to make it clearly Duties of the understood that there still rest upon them the following Executive Committee. duties :-

- 1. The responsibility of obtaining funds for all pupils over 16 years of age.
- 2. The selection of suitable pupils outside the Loudon School Board area.
- 3. The duty of watching the progress of all their pupils.
- 4. The important work of placing in suitable situations, and afterwards befriending, pupils who have left the College.

In couclusion, the Committee wish to express the hope that the great work which Dr. and Mrs. Campbell have carried ou for so long may be continued, though under somewhat different conditions; they feel that for those older pupils especially, for whom they are responsible, Dr. Campbell's assistance is all but indispensable. They earnestly ask all subscribers to remember that they are not appealing for any purpose for which School Board funds can be made available, but that they must still rely upon charitable fuuds for the means to carry on the higher education and business training of the blind over sixteen years of age, who, without this training, cannot become self-sustaining citizens. The seeing in Technical Schools, Colleges, and well-equipped Conservatoires of Music, eujoy every possible advantage; to become successful, it is uccessary for the blind to have equal opportunities of instruction, practice, and study. If the Committee can have the requisite means, they can, as they have already demonstrated, prepare the blind to compete in the open market for their share of remunerative work. They

therefore confidently appeal to all their friends not only to continue their own subscriptions, but largely to increase the subscription list by interesting others in the work.

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Principal's Report.

The year 1896, closes the first period in the history of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind. A new departure has been made, and as yet it is impossible to foresee what the result will be. During the year the negotiations with the London School Board were completed, and both contracting parties are desirous to achieve the best possible results for the Blind.

During the holidays in 1896, notice was given that other School Boards would be required to pay the entire cost of the education and training of their children. Owing to the increased charge, a number of children were withdrawn, and as yet all the vacancies have not been filled. At the time of writing the total number in attendance is 185. After the holidays we shall doubtless have an increased number of children from London.

Owing to the change of pupils, it has been a hard year for our teachers; three times we were compelled to make radical changes in our classification; nevertheless our standard of work has been fully maintained during the year. entire staff of teachers has our most hearty appreciation and thanks.

Queen's Scholarship Examination.

In July, 1896, twenty-oue pupils passed our first Queen's Scholarship Examination.

Iu July, 1897, we shall have the First Year's Training College Examination for those who are intending to become

Pupils.

school teachers; but of the twenty-one who passed the Queen's Scholarship Examination, the musical students prefer to take the curriculum for our professional musical course, rather than the syllabus proposed by the Education Department, which is altogether inadequate to prepare the Blind as efficient teachers of music in Schools for the Blind.

In our Literary Department we have sustained an irreparable loss in the death of one of our Hon. Lecturers, Rev. J. R. Presland. For many years he has given us valuable courses of lectures on Literature, and readings from the Euglish Classics. He was not only a true teacher, but the beloved friend of all, both teachers and pupils. "He was one of the most genial, the most sincere, and truest of men; one of the most hearty and lively of companions. either at home or abroad. There was a depth of tenderness in his nature, which not only made him considerate of his weaker brethren, even when most distressed by their failings, but, illuminated by the glow of spiritual charity, made him one of the most lovable and loving of men."

Several important changes have occurred in our Musical Musical Department. When Mr. W. H. Cummings became Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, he was compelled to resign his position as head of our Vocal Department, which he had filled for 19 years. Everyone will understand how serious is the loss of such professional services as those of Mr. W. H. Cummings; but none outside the Institution can appreciate, how much greater is the loss of his magnetic influence as a voluntary worker, which was felt throughout the entire establishment. Hours, evenings, half-days were freely given for special purposes, and he was always ready to lend a hand in obtaining useful positions for old pupils.

Mr. Alfred Hollins resigned in October, as his professional engagements had become so numerous, he found it impossible to attend regularly on fixed days in the week. Mr. Hollins came to us at the age of twelve, and, after passing through the entire curriculum of the College, became

The late Rev.

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one of our musical professors. His friends will be glad to learn that, without any solicitation on his part, the St. George's Free Church at Ediuburgh have unanimously elected him to take charge of their new organ and conduct their choir. We are sorry to lose him from Norwood, but every blind man who cau win such marked recognition, contributes an ever-growing influence towards lifting his class into an independent position of usefulness.

Concerts and Lectures.

In no previous year have we had more effective work in the Musical Department, nor have the pupils ever enjoyed so many opportunities of hearing the standard works of the great masters. Our best thanks are due, not only to the many distinguished artists who have appeared in London during the year, but to all the London concert agents, and especially to the authorities of the Crystal Palace, where our pupils hear in the rehearsals and concerts, the unrivalled performances of the Saturday Orchestra; and on any day of the week can enjoy the privilege of hearing unique Symphouy Concerts under the masterly baton of Mr. August Manns, I wish personally to express my appreciation of the unbounded kindness of Mr. Gillman, Mr. Gardiner, and all the Crystal Palace officials, especially for the admirable arrangements which were made for our pupils to hear all the performances of the Handel Festival. Our literary students are equally grateful for the rare opportunities afforded them of attending the entire course of instructive lectures on the progress in Art, Science, Letters and Industries during the Victorian Era. The pupils of the Training College especially valued the lectures of Sir Robert Ball, Dean Farrar, Professor Silvanus Thompson, Professor Herkomer, Justin McCarthy, Esq., M.P., Mrs. Fenwick Miller, Sir Frederick Bridge, H. Lucy, Esq., and others.

Physical Training. Many Institutions are building suitable gymnasiums, and some are even moving into the country in order to secure ample playgrounds; nevertheless, there are a number which have not yet recognised the paramount importance of a thorough courso of physical training for the blind. Large numbers of blind children are still being taught in day classes, where it is impossible, however good the intentions may be, to give that indispensable physical training, without which very few of our blind children will become active and successful men of business. Therefore, although I have often dealt with this subject, I must again urge it.

The education and training of the blind, whether literary, musical, or mechanical, will not be crowned with success, unless it is based upon a thorough system of physical development. Thorough physical education and training is the only road that will lead the blind, in large numbers, to this desirable goal. As a class they are timid, awkward, and helpless, and their surroundings do not, as a rule, favour the development of manly character. Energy, indomitable courage, and that fixed determination which carries men over all difficulties, are usually wanting. Educators of the seeing realise that, to maintain the wear and tear of this busy nineteenth-century life, the development of the body must keep pace with that of the If such training is important for the seeing, what shall we say of the blind? In addition to blindness, shall they be handicapped with feeble bodies? The system of physical training must be broad, comprehensive, aud eclectic, so as to give vitality to all the work of the blind, lead them as a class to practical business success, and insure their power for good among their fellowmen. Generalities and theories will not command attention. Therefore, I will speak of the practical methods we have endeavoured to carry out.

Before the college building was completed, while some of the pupils were still sleeping in the old stables which were on the property, a gymnasium was provided. This "Armitago" gymnasium has been constantly enlarged and improved, until it now combines the best features of the German, English, American, and Swedish systems. It

has been pronounced by leading physical educators as most complete and unique. Swedish ladders, German vaultinghorses, English home-trainers, stand in close proximity to Sargent's developing machines, making a total of forty-eight distinct pieces of apparatus. Herr Rudolph Oberholzer, late instructor to the German Gymnastic Society, the Birkbeck Institute, &c., &c., says :-

"The Armitage Gymnasium I consider the most completely fitted up one I have yet seen. The various machines. which I saw and tested, are admirably calculated to gradually develop even the most feeble. Every instrument can, by means of weights, be so exactly adjusted to the natural strength of each individual that a pupil, who goes through a course of regular practice on these instruments, is bound to become stronger and be able to proceed without risk to the more advanced apparatus, viz., parallel bars, horizontal bar, and vaulting horse, and take part in such outdoor exercises as oveling, boating, running, &c.

"Your roller-skating is another admirable form of special development and recreation. The skating in couples and threes, particularly by the girls, was done with such a graceful swing of the body, and without any pushing or running against one another, that one quite forgot the pupils were blind.

"Another of the many special contrivances for outdoor recreation that attracted me was the original skittle-alley or 'Rob-Roy,' where the skittles are on strings like marionettes.

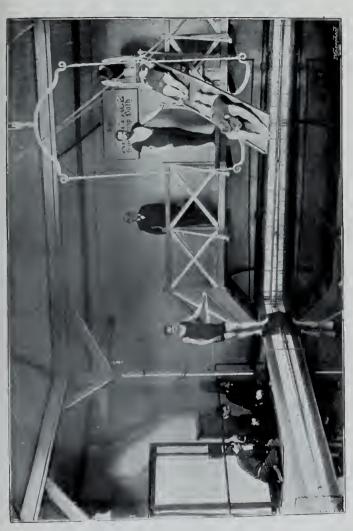
"The beautiful lawns for outdoor exercises and games, and the Armitage Swimming Bath, cannot be too highly valued; they are essential for proper physical training in a large College like yours.

"If further proofs are wanted to the effect of the training your pupils receive at the Collego, it is only necessary to note the difference between a new comer and a pupil that has boen with you a year or so; the one is dull, awkward, in many cases quite helpless; the other bright, active and full of life.



ARMITAGE GYMNASIUM (SOUTH END).





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Mr. Guy Campbell.

ENSEMBLE MASS OF DUMB-BELLS, DOUBLE BAR-BELLS, LONG WANDS, AND SHORT WANDS ON PARADE DECEMBER

"To my mind, the satisfactory results obtained by your pupils in other branches are entirely due to their special physical training. It is my firm belief that nothing can be of more advantage in the struggle for existence than such a training, and I do not hesitate to state that your pupils receive a far better and more efficient physical training thau the boys and girls of any London school or college.

"Nowhere have I as yet seen such perfect and careful arrangements for true physical development and recreation

as at the Royal Normal College for the Blind."

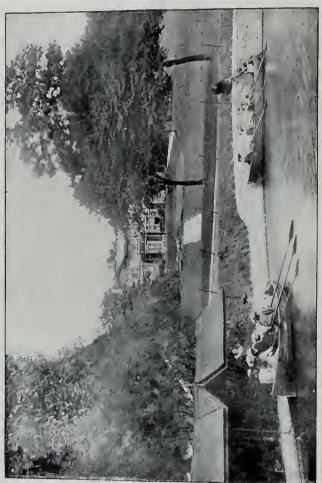
A portion of the gymnasium floor has been adapted for roller-skating, that, when the weather is unfavourable for skating on the outdoor rink, we may not be deprived of the exhilaration and delight of rollers. The eutire floor of the Fawcett Memorial Gymnasium has a capital skating surface.

The "Armitage" swimming bath is 55 feet by 25 feet, and has a depth of from 3 to 6 feet, thus affording excellent facilities for all forms of ornamental swimming, as well as acquiring useful knowledge in the rescue of, release from, and resuscitation of drowning persons, according to the

methods of the Life Saving Society.

Our pupils have won diplomas and medals from the National Physical Recreation Society, medallious from the Life Saving Society, and silver badges from the National Skating Association. Our students have taken part in public displays with the following leading gymnastic societies:—The German Gymnastic Society, Birmingham Athletic Club, the Cumberland and Westmoreland Wrestling Society, the Hampden Club, St. John's Gymnasium, the Orion Gymnastic Club, St. Paul's Gymnasium, Stempel's Gymnasium, Stepney Gymnasium, Walthamstow Gymnasium, National Physical Recreation Society, &c., &c. Such occasions help to raise the standard of work, and produce an excellent effect upon the seeing as well as the blind.

After several unsuccessful experiments we have a depart-



Boating Lake and Princingl's House (" Windermove")



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CENTRE OF GROUNDS LOOKING NORTH.



there to he found such a combination of the useful and practical, side by side with the heautiful."-The Times,

Cycling and rowing are systematically taught; the pupils are arranged in classes, and a man devotes several hours daily to the purpose of special training. We have twelve, eight, six, four, three, and two-in-haud cycles, so that we can take large parties over the hills of Surrey; Baustead, Dorking, Epsom, Leith Hill, Red Hill, and Godstone are included in our excursions. When blind pupils can run from fifty to a hundred miles per day and enjoy it, they will not easily he discouraged hy any ordinary difficulties

Yet gymnasiums, rinks, playgrounds, and cycles avail little without personal enthusiasm. The cheerful readiness of our teachers not only to join, hut lead in the games of the youngest children, as though they were again hoys and girls at school, has been a powerful factor in our effort to give life and activity to our pupils.

The treatment of mentally defective children of all classes, Defective the sighted, hlind, and deaf, is attracting the attention of leading educators. However defective, if a child is teachable, it should be placed in the hest possible environment, and have a teacher whose work is inspired by a true love of children

Defective blind children should not be attached in small classes to the various Bliud Schools throughout the country. In such cases they will only become a burden to the school, and not occupy the first place in the thought aud affection of their teachers; and, what is to be deprecated far more, they become objects of ridicule. In spite of strict rules and constant watchfulness, we have many boys who delight in making a hutt of a helpless child. I appeal to the School Boards through the country to unite, and have one or more schools, according to circumstances, for such children, which should be located in the most healthful situation, as Margate, Eastbourne, or some place on the

Yorkshire coast. Such schools should have special playrooms, playgrounds, and carefully planned apparatus adapted to their requirements. Then, much could be done for this class of children. In conclusion, I must repeat that the best results cannot be obtained in combination with other children

Typewriting.

Immediately after the establishment of the College we introduced typewriting. The following extract from the Principal's Report of 1875 will be of interest:—

"A new machine called the typewriter, now extensively manufactured in America, is destined to exercise so much influence upon the higher education of the blind, and, I believe, to furnish employment, that the following* description will be of interest to the educators of the blind in all countries.

"The proof copies of this Report, for the members of the Executive Committee, are being prepared on one of these machines."

When the Annual Meeting of that year was held at Grosvenor House, Sir Rutherford Alcock, in moving a vote of thanks to our President, His Grace the Duke of Westminster, said, "that he would put it into the words of one of the little blind girls, who, within the last few minutes, had indited a letter to His Grace on the typewriter—

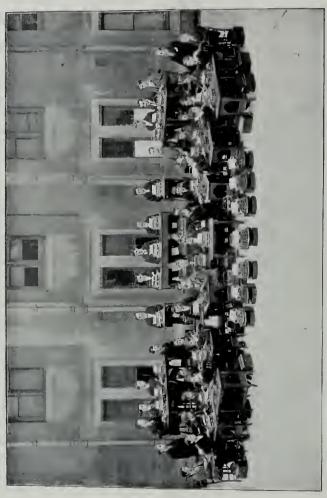
"GROSVENOR HOUSE, LONDON,
"May 11th, 1876.

"MY DEAR LORD DUKE,—I want to thank you for what you have so kindly done for the College and for the blind. The rhododendrons are all in bloom uow, and the birds are singing nicely. Our girls call the name of our walk 'Westminster,' after you.

"I am, my Lord Duke,
"Very gratefully yours,
"Annie M. Cochrane."

The space at my disposal compels me to omit the carefully prepared description of the machine and its working which was given in the Report of 1875.





I have long wished to make typewriting a class subject, that every child, as soon as it has learned to read and write Braille correctly, may become a skilful typist; but hitherto we have had only a few typewriters. Early in the winter, I determined that typewriting should be made a special feature of our Jubilee celebration. I asked the United Board to grant me forty typewriters for the Junior School. After considering the subject, it was resolved that ten should be purchased, and ten hired to make a practical experiment in class-work. In October the subject will be reconsidered, when I hope the total number asked for will be granted.

We are raising a Jubilee subscription to supply the Training College with an ample number of typewriters, that all students over sixteen may have thorough instruction in business correspondence and literary work. In future

examinations the papers will be typewritten.

As a preparatory step, I carefully tested all the best typewriters in the market, and my hearty thanks are due to all the various companies who generously placed their machines at my disposal. Among so many excellent typewriters it was difficult to discriminate between the special features of the Remington, Densmore, Yost, Williams and others. The automatic ribbon of the Remington cannot be too highly commended. After devoting a number of hours daily to the work for several months, I came to the conclusion that the light, portable Hammond, with the Ideal keyboard, offered special facilities for the use of the blind. There are only two rows of keys, and these are so arranged that the letters of the alphabet which occur most frequently, and represent 60 per cent. of the English language, come directly under the fingers of the right hand. The capital, figure, and space keys are in the centre, which is a decided advantage. interchangeable type, neat writing, and perfect alignment all contribute to the beautiful work of this machine. I should observe, however, that the ribbon-spools require careful management. We mark the keys by putting pneumatic caps on every third key; this, without the use of embossed letters or any other device, enables the blind to write as readily as persons who see.

A shorthand typewriter is being brought out. I have already tested the working model, and I am satisfied that it will be possible for an expert blind typist to take reports. The inventor has promised to let me thoroughly test a machine at the earliest possible moment.

I wish to express my grateful thanks to the Hammond Typewriting Company, which is dealing with us in the most liberal manner to help us carry out our Jubilee arrangements. We still need £300, to give us a full supply of typewriters for all the pupils over sixteen, and we shall be glad to receive donations for this purpose.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. A. K. Virgil, the inventor of the Practice Clavier, for an honorary course of lessons during the year in his special method for the development of pianoforte technique. His elementary course of instruction, for bringing the muscles of the arm, hand, and fingers into proper conditions, is practical and comprehensive. In regard to the Clavier and method, I quote from Mr. Virgil's paper, which he read before the Annual Meeting of the Incorporated Society of Musicians .-

"The sharp, short clicks of the Clavier fix the undistracted mind upon a single effort, a definite thing, whereas the changing pitches of the piano tones are constantly interposing distracting thoughts and influences between mind and muscles.

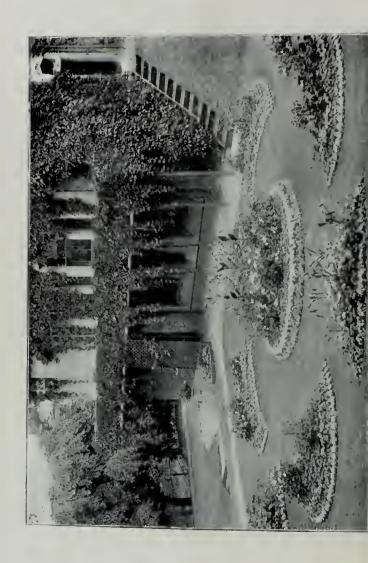
"The short admonitory sounds of the Clavier have such a direct, and therefore powerful, influence in bringing the thoughts into the hands, that the fingers are much more quickly trained to accuracy in time and movement by their aid than by the prolonged tones of the piano.

"The Clavier Method holds to the following principles, which may be regarded as the underlying doctrines of the system:-1. That Physical Conditions and Playing Move-

Virgil Clavier.



VIRGIL CLAVIER PRACTICE.



ments should be made the subjects of first elementary technical instruction. 2. That each and every element of a composite playing movement must be separately executed, if technical accuracy and best musical effects are to be intelligently secured. 3. That intelligence as to the causo of effects is the only proper and safe dependence for learners and players. 4. That the two great essentials to effective piano-playing are, first, the skill which the execution of a composition requires; second, the feeling that its interpretation demands. The most direct and sure means of securing both of these is by the acquisition of an accurate and positive technic, which, according to the Clavier Method, means also a musical touch, because it is a touch born of intelligence, right physical conditions, and correct playing movements."

I have also to report a notable achievement on behalf of Interpoint the blind both of this and other countries, viz., the remarkable success of the British and Foreign Blind Association in perfecting the system of Interpoint Reading and Writing. There is a very great saving in space, and the legibility of the letters is in no way impaired. The Interpoint Writing is as great an advance on Braille as formerly written, as the introduction of Braille was to the previous systems of reading

and writing.

Last summer the Gardner Scholars, both past and pre- Gardner sent, were anxious to express their appreciation of the kind and thoughtful attention which Henry J. Wilson, Esq., Secretary of the Gardner Trust, has always shown in promoting the truest interests of the blind. It was resolved to present him with the Temple Edition of Shakespeare.*

In response, Mr. Wilson sent me the following letter:-

"I was so much taken by surprise yesterday afternoon, by the most kind gift to me made by the Gardner Scholars, that I have no words ready with which to fully express my deep gratitude. I must beg leave, therefore, to be allowed

Scholars.

Afterwards, as more money was sent in, the "Life of Nansen" was added.

to thank them most sincerely through you. The charming edition of Shakespeare which they gave me I shall value, net only for its completeness and beauty, but as the expression of most kind thought and goodwill.

"It is always a pleasure for me to do what little I can for the benefit of the blind, and especially is it a privilege to me to take any share in making them useful citizens, and in fitting them to serve with the sighted in the toil of this world. I look—and I am confident I shall not look in vain—to the Gardner Scholars to be examples to others, sighted as well as blind, of earnestness in pur pose, of assiduity in work, of sincer thoroughness in all transactions, and of noble courage in fighting the battle of life under great difficulties. Then, indeed, will their lives be not only happy and useful to themselves, but will be the means of imparting happiness to others, and they will have made the world, however humble their positious may have been, better and more sanctified. 'Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven for ever in the work of the world.'

"With reuewed thanks to them for their kind and thoughtful present, and with all best wishes for their welfare and for their success in life, after having been privileged to be a pupil at the Norwood College under your influence and guidance,

"Believe me, yours very truly,
"HENRY J. WILSON."

Employment.

I desire that our patrons and supporters should share our pleasure in the success of the old pupils, therefore give a number of extracts from their letters. Some who have been established in business for a number of years, and know that we are well acquainted with their successful work, think it unnecessary to reply to our Annual Christmas Letter. But I trust they will continue to write, for, besides keeping us in touch with them, selected extracts from their letters often prove a source of encouragement to teachers and pupils.

- "I am pleased to receive your usual Christmas letter, with its kindly greetings. My earnings for this year are £120."
- "Re Christmas letter, my income was £390. Trust you are feeling hetter for your change."
- "I am sending you a copy of the Inspector's report. It seems like self-glorification to do so, but I know you will helieve it is not sent in that spirit. If I am in any measure a successful teacher, it is entirely owing to my College training."
- "I know you will he glad to hear that the past year, which was my first in business life, has been a bright and happy one. I think I can safely say that I have done satisfactory work, and am expecting an advance in my salary. My mother is coming here in the spring to make a home for me.
- "Allow me to thank you and Mrs. Campbell for your annual lette-, in reply to which I have much pleasure in stating that my year as been very successful, my income amounting to upwards of £240. I need hardly add that I wish my old College every success under the new arrangements, and trust that the London School Board's having taken it over will make the public sec that the Government at least recognise the fact that the Blind can do well if they have a proper education, and that they are capable of holding first-class positions."
- "I have no special experiences, just the usual round of teacher's and organist's duties. My income was £160."
- "You will be glad to hear that I am still on the move forward, and still storming the castle,' hut perhaps you will realize this more fully when I tell you that I have just married."
- "With regard to my work I am glad to say that, in spite of poorness of neighhourhood, I have had another successful year. Total earnings £191 14s. I have done a little tuning just to keep it going, as it seems a waste to let it drop entirely after having been taught. In conclusion, I can safely say that in every branch of music which I studied at Norwood I have earned money. You will see by the enclosed I have started a Glee Club."
- "I write on hehalf of myself and colleagues to thank you for your kind letter. We are glad the girls are comfortably settled in the new house; we shall, indeed, feel like strangers. The progress of our school is satisfactory, and the working rendered easy by hearty co-operation. I was pleased that one of my pupils gained a Scholarship. I hope a vacancy will occur in the summer, as I have a promising boy who will be sixteen in July."
 - "I did fairly well last year, making about £100."
- "I am pleased to hear of the continued success of the College. My income from all sources was £139 3s. 6d."
- "I am happier in my work, if possible, than ever. Both the Members of the Board and Managers do all they can 10 help us. The children get on nicely, and are more than happy in coming to school."
- "My nephew has asked me to write and thank you for your Christmas letter. I do not think I can say more than I did in my last letter. My nephew gives astisfaction to Mr. W—— and his customers. I am sure E—— ought to mark the day he went to the College as a red-letter day, as it has been the means of enabling him to earn his living so respectably. We are very grateful for what was done for him at the College."

"We are getting on very happily, and like the people and country. My yearly income is between £140 and £150."

"I trust this year will be as satisfactory as the past, and that many may gain new energy for their coming work. During the past year my pupils have varied in number. I commenced the year with twenty-three, and the last quarter with twenty-eight, and you will he pleased to hear my teaching gives satisfaction. A little girl whom I had taught for four years was sent to the principal numsic master in au adjoining town, and he told the parents he was more than delighted with the way in which she had been taught. I have heen preparing some of my pupils for the Trinity College Senior Examination."

"I must apologise for my neglect in not answering your kind letter, hut I have heen hasy lately. My employer has taken a new tuning connection in a neighbouring district, and I am pleased to tell you it is under my own management."

"I am glad to be able to tell you that I am almost fully employed; the number of my pupils has increased. I still hold the appointment of Assistant Organist, and frequently have engagements to play at dances. With regard to helping others, I hope I have heen, and still am, of use to two or three not perhaps so fortunate as myself."

"I am happy to say I have had a successful year, making about £150, which I don't consider a had income for a young fellow."

"It is good of you to remember so many of us; how the circle widens each year. I was very much interested in the Report I am sending you one of our reports which contains that of the Musical Examiner. I have joined our Church Choir: at the choral practices we are singing some old English madrigals we learned at the College. My attendance at these practices has given me a large circle of friends."

"This has been a husy time. We were quietly married at Holy Trinity, July 10th. Since then my private work has increased; in fact, I have almost more than I can do. Singing is the chief thing with me, though I have some planoforte pupils. I hope to give a pupils' concert in April. Last year my earnings amounted to £200, this year I shall do better."

"I must express my pride in the Royal Normal College, and also the hrave way in which you still stand at your post. But I feel bound to add that if the blind should show more true appreciation and respect for the leaders they now have there would he more in the field than there are. My prospects are bright and call forth plenty of action."

"My work continues to go on with satisfactory results. My income for the year was over £250."

"I was glad to hear you had heen enabled to make such a graud addition to the College hy taking in "Walmer." I hope you will have strength to carry on the work from which I for one derived such great henefit. I am happy to say I still continue to prosper in my husiness; my connection is steadily increasing. I am agent for an old establishment in P——, and all the customers in this town they hand over to me, and kindly do all the repairs I cannot manage myself. There is one more important thing to mention, which may surprise you to hear. I am now a married man, and comfortably settled in my own home."

"May God abundantly hless your every effort to raise the blind. I very gratefully remember all you have done for me. My salary still stands

"I am pleased to give you a hetter account of my earnings, the last

twelve months they have amounted to £70."

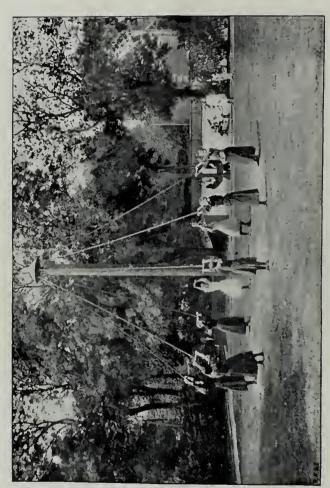
"You will be glad to know our Society is still in a fairly prosperous condition, and some of the hlind have heen cheered and helped by my lahours among them. We are still increasing the number of Braille readers, and books in that system are now placed in four of our free libraries. My salary is the same as last year."

- "The news has just come that Mr. L—— has given employment to another College pupil. I believe there is a good opening for smart pupils in this firm, and hope other employers will follow Mr. L——'s example. I should like to hring my wife to one of the Garden Parties."
- "With regard to the year, it has been on the whole successful. Total earnings $\pm 102~5s,~10d.$ "
- "After our last concert, November 25th, the secretary of our choir suggested giving a performance of the 'Messiah' hefore Christmas, our choir to be augmented by each member bringing some friends upon whose musical ability and familiarity with the work they could place reliance. The time was short, hnt I resolved to try. The result you will have seen from the papers I sent. It has heen successful heyond our utmost expectations musically and financially. I trust you will not misunderstand my motive in writing at such length about the matter. My reason for doing so is that I believe you are always interested in hearing of such things, as they are undeniable evidences of the fact that the prejudice of the public against blind men as choirmasters is heing surely, though slowly, overcome."
- "It is always a pleasure to receive your Christmas letter, it heing a link which connects the past with the present, Mr. Cummings' appointment as Principal of the Guildhall School of Music must be a great loss to the College, though he has well carned the honour conferred upon him. Miss J.— and I were delighted to hear you had been so fortunate as to obtain a pension for A.—. You will be glad to hear I have collected £10 15s, for him. Most of the subscriptions were ac ompanied with letters of heartfelt sympathy, many expressing thanks for renewal of old friendship."
- "I know you will be glad to hear my salary has been raised to £60. We are working happily together and are heginning to see some good results."
- "It gives me much pleasure in writing to tell you once more how happy I am through not only being able to keep myself hnt also to help others and save. You will he glad to learn that my employer raised my salary 5s. in September and 5s. more at the beginning of the year, making £2 per week. I like to tell you this, not out of flattery to myself, but to encourage others."
- "Our holidays are ended, and we are working now, on our new plan, with renewed energy. After the examination, the inspector's entry in the visitors' hook mentioned the zeal and devotion of the teaching staff. Of course we were pleased, especially when the Chairman of the Committee told us we thoroughly deserved it. Please do not think me conceited, but one is naturally pleased when one's work gives satisfaction. Thanks for sending the syllabus, hut I shall not be able to take the examination in July."

"During the past year my wages have been £65, the sum I have received since I left the College."

- "Just a line to wish Mrs. Camphell and yourself a Mcrry Cbristmas. Glad to tell you I had a very pleasant voyage over and am feeling much better for the rest and change. Trade was first-class during November. Sold quite a number of instruments; we are looking forward to doing a good husiness during the holiday season. I note with pleasure that blind men all over the world are going in more for business than formerly. There is no reason why blind men should not go into the mercantile world; this field has been sadly overlooked. All things being equal, the public will give us the preference every time. There is a vacancy in our church for an organist, but they want a first-class, experienced man, one who is capable of working up a good choir. Would W—— consider the post? I would like to set someone like him, a good worker and a hustler. I am a member of the Musical Committee who have charge of the matter."
- "As far as I know my work is going on fairly well. I feel with you that all who have ever heen connected with the College ought to be most loyal and true to the British and Foreign Blind Associatiou, founded by our dear and honoured friend the late Dr. Armitage."
- "With regard to myself, I am still in the same situation which I entered six or seven years ago; my wages are 30s. per week. I have been thinking of making a change during the coming year, if the way seemed clear. During the latter part of the time I was at the College, I worked on the tuning connection. When I left I had a set of tools and a sum of money, and, in a talk afterwards, you told me that the remainder would be reserved until such time as I wished to commence business on my own account. I do not know if the present is the time to fulfil that promise, but under the circumstances a little pecuniary help will he of great service."
 - "Re my 1896 work, my total earnings were £111."
- "Thanks for your kindly greeting. We are glad to hear good news of the College, as I am sure all the old pupils have its advancement uppermost in their mind. My earnings have amounted to £80."
 - "With regard to my income, it would be safe to put it down as £80."
- " I am glad to say I find myself in a better position than last year; my income has amounted to about £80."
- "I am pleased to report favourably of my work for 1896. When I left the Royal Normal College in July of that year, owing to the unsettled state of my country (Syria) I resolved not to return home for the present, and started as a pianoforte tuner. In addition to working for a firm, I have a small private connection which enables me to entirely support myzelf."
- "You will be glad to hear that R—— continues to be a success in every way. His master told me he was perfectly satisfied with bim. His weekly wage is £2 2s., and in addition he earns commissions which make his income not less than £120 a-year. This, for an East-end blind lad, cannot he called bad. He has a nice wife and a well-furnished little house. He leads a most useful life, and, amongst other things, conducts a large Bible-class for young men. L—— is also doing well and reports M—— doing splendidly."
- "My work continues very much the same as last year. I now have more younger pupils, who seem to be getting on nicely, which is encouraging, and I have had a few more singing engagements this winter.





"I am glad to say I had a good year, my income amounted to £250." "I am glad to learn the work of the College goes forward with success. My earnings have amounted to £65 "

"All our Leeds pupils who have come to Norwood visit us during their summer vacation, and in September. 1895, it was suggested that those who had so greatly henefited by the Royal Normal College training should turn it to practical account, for the good of other Leeds scholars. An entertainment was given hy half a dozen old pupils, and the sum realized was £7 16s. This year we decided to take a larger room, and invite all old colleagues within easy distance to join us. They came from Bradford, Huddersfield, Hull, Scarboro', Skipton, &c. With the valuable assistance of members of the Leeds Philharmonic Society our Choir numbered twenty-five, and the net profits amounted to £27. Donations have since come in, and we now have £70 in hand, and are ready to send one of our hoys to the College. Next September we shall again give a concert, and hope further to increase the fund."

In conclusion I will quote from a paper written in 1891 for the Congress of Hygiene and Demography:-

The British Government has been slow to recognise its duty and privilege in the beneficent work of educating and training its blind children, but I am confident that the nation will not be satisfied until we have a complete system, not only of elementary education, but an after course of training which will so prepare all the young blind of average ability that, when they arrive at a suitable age for business, they will become producers, and not as hitherto sink into semi-pauperism. I suggest the following outline as a suitable basis for a national system: (a) School Boards Suggestions. for the training of young blind children from four or five, to about ten years of age. There will be a certain number of young blind children who, from neglect, want of food, and other causes, are feeble in body and mind; such children are a great burden on any class or school, and they require special treatment and instruction. School Boards throughout the country should unite, and have one special school iu the most healthy locality for such children. (b) Special Preparatory Schools, either under the exclusive control of School Boards, or carried on by the cordial co-operation of School Boards with existing Special Schools. (c) At 13 or 14 years of age the Preparatory Course will be completed,

and the pupils should be drafted according to ability and future requirements, either to Trade Schools, or Special Colleges* where they will be prepared for the University. or receive a good general education combined with high-class musical training; in connection with the latter there should be a Pianoforte Tuning School.

When Government adopts a comprehensive plan for the education and training of the blind, we shall have wise, special inspection for all schools, from the lowest to the highest. The present chaos, with all its petty jealousies, will pass away, for the special schools will he graded from a National point of view, and each in its particular province become an important link in the system. The blind child from the Preparatory grade will be sent to the school hest adapted to his gifts and requirements, the need of the child will be considered, rather than this or that school.

But even when Government has undertaken and accomplished this beneficent work, much will remain to be done which must be undertaken by a National Society, composed of all existing charitable agencies for the The blind, whether educated for the church, trained as teachers, musicians, piauoforte tuners, or for any other trade or occupation, require assistance at the They need help in finding suitable employment, recommendations for establishing a connection, pecuniary assistance in providing outfits of books, tools, instruments, &c., help in the selection and purchase of the best materials at the lowest wholesale rates, in the sale of their manufactured goods in the best markets, and, if overtaken by reverses, judicious and timely help towards a fresh start. This will furnish a graud field of labour for all branches of a National Society. The sick and aged will also be moved to the sunny side of the hill, and the blind heggar will disappear from our streets and highways.

^{*}A well-devised system of Scholarships should be established open to both sexes, and so arranged as to awaken the ambition of the Blind throughout the country.

The cry which went up from the beggar's post at the gates of Jericho, more than eighteen hundred years ago, still vibrates upon the ears and moves the hearts of men. Charities have been created, asylums, homes, and schools have been established; but the blind, as a class, are still floating helplessly down the stream of panperism. even hundreds of thousands of pounds, are obtained for technical schools and colleges of music! Scholarships are multiplied even for the wealthy who have sight! All honour to those who are doing so much for the cause of education. Shall less be done for the blind? Shall we not lift up the weak hands and strengthen the feeble knees? The blind plead for a thorough, comprehensive education, which will give them strong bodies, welldisciplined minds, and courageous souls. Then, and not till then, will the blind, as a class, become productive members of society.

F. J. CAMPBELL.

REPORT OF H.M. INSPECTOR on the Examination of the Preparatory School of the Royal Normal College, dated July 7th, 1897.

Grant at the rate of £5 5s.—£416 13s. 9d.

"Great pains have been taken with the organization of this Institution, and the lessons are admirably interspersed with recreation and physical exercises of all kinds.

"The teachers are thoroughly devoted to their work, and not only teach with great intelligence, but also succeed in

aronsing the keen interest of their pupils.

"The subjects—generally termed class subjects'—are taught on broad lines, and the command of language in composition and in oral examination is remarkably good.

"In addition to the Braille system, an excellent start has been made in type-writing," and some of the older pupils can combine speed with accuracy. Manual training continues to be highly satisfactory, and the physical training of the pupils merits the highest praise."

^{*}The reference made to type-writing deals only with type-writing in Preparatory Schools, where it has only recently been made a class subject.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

The following tabulated statement gives the names of "Gardner Scholars" now under instruction:—

COLLEGE.

Boys.

Addis, Richard,
Balshaw, Thomas,
Barton, Robert Thomas,
Barton, Robert Thomas,
Berroford, Thomas Walter,
Birkheek, Richard
Birkhy, Leonard Taylor,
Bloomield, Thomas,
Bramwell, Harry,
Burchell, Frederick,
Chessell, Arthur,
Cleverly, William, George,
Cox, Duncan McLeilan,
Dean, Charles William,
Dean, Charles William,
Dean, Charles, William,
Charles, Thomas,
Galvin, Thomas Honry,
Gautt, David Henry,
Hall, Ernest,
Harmor, Charles,
Jobason, Charles,
Marler, James,

Adams, Hannah Nellie, Balchio, Alice, Barchio, Alice, Barraclough, Amy, Bone, Fauny, Brantigam, Florence Louisa, Crowley, Elizabeth, Day, Ella, Druver, Winifred, Gape, Anuie, Harris, Eleanor, Hawes, Lihau, Higgin', Alice, Jones, Clarisa Mary Novello, Jones, Clarisa Mary Novello, Jones, Clarisa Mary Novello,

Mason, William Richard,
Masoco k, Leonard,
Nattrass, George,
Needham, Arthur,
Pearaon, Marshall
Preston, William Francis,
Rea, Walter William,
Richmond, Richard,
Rowe, Frederick Edwin,
Sayers, Oharles Franklin,
Sharp, William John,
Smith, Leonard Sydney,
Smithers, Robert.
Suow, Ernest Albert.
Stone, Herbert.
Sutton, Thomas,
Watling, Horace,
Watmore, Charles,
Watson, John William,
Whittleton, George,
Wyatt, George William,

GIRLS.

Kay, Fanny, Lucas, Einily, Luker, Isabella. Noumann, Alice Janet. Oldridge, Eith Annie. Richardson, Ada aznie. Roborts, Aunic. Shopherd, Jano. Smith, Nolly Louise. Swithenbank, Nelite. Thomas, Elizabeth. Townsend, I.opel. Whitehouse, Emily.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Butcher, Charles, Elhott, Herbort H. Fernyhough, Aubrey Fliut, Green, Edwin Usher. Kelly, James, Lightfoot, Frederick. Moon, Oliver C. Royston, Herbert. Schurer. Arthur A. Sykes, Frederick. Veale, Harry.

APPENDIX B.

OLD PUPILS' GUILD.

Most blind persons, whether trained as Teachers, Organists, Musicians, Pianoforte Tuners, or for any other trade or occupation, require some assistance at the outset.

They need help in finding suitable employment; recommendations for establishing a connection; pecuniary assistance (sometimes) in providing outfits of books, tools, instruments, &c.; advice in difficulties; encouragement in trials; sympathy at all times; and if overtaken by reverses, judicious and timely help towards a fresh start.

From the very commencement this help has been given, as far as possible, by the College authorities, and the success achieved by our old pupils would have been impossible without it. But owing to the increasing number of certificated pupils, organised effort has become necessary to meet these needs and the expense which they entail. These increasing requirements led to the establishment of a Guild for Old Pupils.

The objects of the Guild are :-

To assist, advise, and befrieud Pupils after leaving the College, especially when first starting in their business or profession; to devise and carry into operation such methods as may be found most effective for this purpose, so that every Old Pupil of the College who, having completed his or her College course, and obtained a College Certificate, maintains good conduct

and reputation, and is a diligent worker according to his or her ability, may rely on moral, material, and effectivo support, and timely assistance in every occasion of difficulty, so far as funds will allow.

The management of the Guild is deputed to a Special Committee, including the officers of the Executive Committee, the Principal of the College, and others, among whom are some of the former pupils of the College.

The Committee seek the aid, as corresponding associates, of Ladies and Gentlemen in various parts of this country or ahroad, who will interest themselves in the blind, especially in former pupils of the College, and who will undertake to establish and maintaiu, as far as may he, friendly communication with memhers of the Guild in their own neighbourhood, and to assist the Special Committee with information and otherwise, in furthering the objects of the Guild in regard to such members; to act as referees for Members; to assist them in finding employment and obtaining customers: to give a patient hearing to their statements, and devise judicious ways of advancing their welfare.

A Register of the members is kept, containing their addresses and employment, with suitable particulars of their circumstances, capabilities, and needs, and also a registor of members seeking employment, and of openings

and employment available.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind,

FOUNDER A.D. 1872.

Musica Lux in Tenebris.

PATRON.

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

VICE-PATRONS.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, K.G. H.R.H. THE PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorue).

This is to Certify that

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G.

HAS BEEN A PUPIL OF THE

Royal Normal College & Academy of Music for the Blind

&c., &c.

(Signed as follows) :--

PRESIDENT, WESTMINSTER.

Singing: W. H. Cumminos.
Planoforte: FRITE HARTYIOSON.
Do, and Harmony: H. C. Bantoter.
Organ: E. J. Hopkins, Mus. Doc.
Planoforte Tuning Exam.: A. J. Hipkins.

Hou. Treasurers { Staleridge. A. J. Munuella. Chairman of Committee: Playfair. Hon. Secretary: Arthur Miall.

PRINCIPAL. F. J. CAMPBELL, LL.D.

Dated

APPENDIX C.

RULES AND TERMS FOR THE ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

- 1. The College is open to the young of either sex and of any rank, but only those will be received as pupils who show sufficient ability to render it probable that by instruction they can be rendered capable of self-support.
- 2. As without previous trial it would in many cases be difficult to determine whether an applicant for admission has sufficient capacity for the kind of education given at the College, candidates will first be received as *probationers* for a period of three months, or less. If, at the end of that period, they are found to possess adequate ability, they may become permanent pupils.

3. The annual charge	for	ordinary	pupils	is as fo	ollows :
Under 13					
Between 13 and Over 16	16	•••			£55
Over 10					£60*

- 4. The charge for private pupils in the Preparatory School is £50 per annum; in the College, from £80 to £100, according to circumstances and requirements.
- 5. The charges for resident pupils include board, lodging, washing, and medical attendance; but not clothing or travelling expenses. Payments in all cases must be made for each term in advance. All cheques and Post Office Orders, in payment for pupils, should be sent to the Principal at the College.
- 6. The school year will be divided into three terms; for which the payments are due October 1st, January 1st, and April 1st. The first and second terms include three months each, the third term four months.

^{*} The Gardner Trust grants Scholarships, after examination, in aid of the young blind of England and Wales, whose friends cannot pay the entire cost.

- 7. Except in cases of severe illness, all pupils are expected to be in attendance at the College on the first day of each term.
- 8. Pupils will only be admitted at the beginning of one of the terms. If possible they should enter at the beginning of the Michaelmas term.
- 9. As it is of the utmost importance to keep up homo ties between pupils and their families, it is desirable that all pupils shall spend at least the summer vacation with their parents or friends.
- 10. All pupils must be provided with strong clothes, either new or in perfect repair, as in the following lists, and their parents or friends will be required to renew the clothing when deemed necessary by the Committee.
- 11. The use of tobacco in all forms is strictly forbidden. All pupils, without regard to age, during their connection with the Collego, must abstain from the use of tobacco either on or off the College premises. The use of beer, wiue, or any drink containing alcohol, is only allowed when ordered by the medical authorities of the College.
- 12. In all cases the following form must be filled up by a duly qualified medical practitioner. The questions are not, however, put with a view to exclusion, but for information regarding the pupils.
 - (a) Is the applicant totally blind, or, if only partially so, has he sufficient sight to enable him to follow any profitable employment?
 - (b) What appears to have been the cause of blindness?
 - (c) Has the applicant had the small-pox? Has he been vaccinated, and is there satisfactory evidence that the infection was complete?
 - (d) Has he had the measles, whooping cough, or scarlot fever?
 - (e) Has he been subject to epileptic fits?
 - (f) Is he free from scrofula or cutaneous disease?

- 13. In cases in which the pupil is not entirely paid for by his or her friends, some reliable person must give a guarantee that the necessary clothing will be supplied; and that the pupil will be removed from the College during vacations; and, in case of death, that the funeral expenses will be paid.
- 14. Parents or friends can visit the pupils on the first Wednesday in November, February, April, and Junc, between 3 and 5 p.m. If, for any special reason, parents wish to see their children at other times, they should write to the Principal for an appointment. As a rule, it is not expected that more than two friends will visit any pupil on the same afternoon. When visiting the College, parents are earnestly requested not to bring young children with them. Friends cannot visit the pupils on Sunday; this rule is strictly enforced. Parents are specially requested not to bring or send sweets or eatables to the children. If the children go out with their parents, they must not undertake commissions for other pupils.

N.B.—Applications and inquiries in regard to the admission of pupils should be addressed to the Principal, F. J. Campbell, Esq., LL.D., Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, Upper Norwood, S.E. Persons can see the Principal on business on Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. (the second Tuesday excepted). Also at the same hour on the first Thursday in each month; otherwise by appointment.

LIST OF CLOTHING.

FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

Lacing and tight-fitting dresses are prohibited. Dresses and other clothing must give ample room across the chest. Dresses narrow across the chest invariably lead to bad positions. Parents are especially requested to attend to this requirement, as the health very much depends upon proper clothing. The skirts of the school dresses must be at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the ground, to allow freedom in walking.

1 Sunday dress.

Week-day dresses.
 Gymnastic suit, which should be purchased at the College, and must be renewed when necessary.

White petticoat.
 Coloured petticoats.
 Flannel petticoats.

- 3 Undervests (flannel or merino, high-necked and longsleeved).
- 3 Chemises.
- 3 Bodices (supplied with buttons for supporting the skirts)

4 Pairs of drawers.

- 3 Nightgowns.
- 1 Flannel dressing gown.
- 12 Towels.
 - 8 Pocket-haudkerchiefs.
 - 6 Aprons or Pinafores.
 - 4 Pairs of stockings.
 - 1 Pair of best boots. 2 Pairs of strong boots.
 - 1 Pair of slippers
 - 2 Hats.
 - 1 Sunday jacket.
 - 1 Weck-day ditto, or shawl.
 - 1 Waterproof.
 - 2 Pairs of gloves. A sufficient quantity of collars and cuffs.
 - 1 Comb and brush.
 - 1 Small toothed comb.
 - 1 Nail brush.
 - 1 Tooth brush.
 - 2 Small bags for combs and brush.
 - 2 Bags for soiled linen.

v.B .- The gymnastic outfit is indispensable, and should be obtained at the College, as it is important to have all the suits alike. If the clothing and gymnastic outfit is not provided, it will be the duty of the Principal to suspend the pupil. If parents will furnish 15s. for the first year, and 10s. each succeeding year, the pupil will be kept fully supplied with all that is required for the Physical Department.

MALE DEPARTMENT.

- 1 Sunday suit (should be of dark material, black preferred).
- 2 Very strong week-day suits.

Coats and vests must be broad across the chest, to give the lunge full play.

- 3 Shirts.
- 3 Night shirts.
- 6 Collars (at least).

The bands of shirts and collars are often too small: this is a fatal error, as it not only injures the health, but prevents all chance of progress in singing.

- 6 Pocket-handkerchiefs (at least).
- 4 Pairs dark worsted stockings.

1 Warm coat or cloak.

1 Stiff black felt bat for Sunday.

- 2 College caps (furnished at the college at 1/6 each).
- 2 Pairs of gloves (1 pair of plain dark woollen material or woollen-lined for winter use, and 1 pair of dark-coloured dog-skin gloves for the summer.

1 Pair of Sunday boots.

2 Pairs of very strong boots for week-day use (without hob nails).

(Parents are requested to exercise special care in regard to the size of the boots. They are often too small.)

1 Pair of leather-soled slippers, with low heels (furnished at the College at lowest wholesale rates).

Gymnastic shoes (black), jerseys (dark navy blue, with 2 inch collar), cap and belt (furnished at the College at the lowest wholesale rates).

2 Woollen vests.

2 Pairs woollen drawers. Comb and hair brush.

Small toothed comb.

2 Small bags for comb and brush.

1 Tooth Brush.

1 Bag for soiled linen.

The rule in regard to the supply of clothing is imperative.

N.B .- The gymnastic outfit is indispensable, and should be obtained at the College, as it is important to have all the suits alike. If the clothing and gymnastic outfit is not provided, it will be the duty of the Principal to suspend the pupil. If parents will furnish 15s. for the first year, and 10s. each succeeding year, the pupil will be kept fully supplied with all that is required for the Physical Department.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

In future all letters to Female Pupils should be addressed:—

Smith Training College,
"Walmer," 108, Church Road,
Upper Norwood, S.E.

In future all letters to Male Pupils should be addressed:—

Royal Normal College,

72, Westow Street,

Upper Norwood, S.I.

MEMORANDA AS TO THE POSITION OF THE COLLEGE,

31st DECEMBER, 1896.

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THE ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE BLIND. GENERAL CASH STATEMENT.

31st December, 1896.

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THE ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE AND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE BLIND.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1896.

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Audited and Certified,

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(Signed) GEO. EDWIN SWITHINBANK, LL.D., F.C.A., Auditor.

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APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COLLEGE,

AS ON 15TH JANUARY, 1897, APPER COMPLETING TRANSPER TO THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR LOYDON.

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LIST OF DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

FOR THE

GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE COLLEGE,

RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 1ST, 1896, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

The Principal will be glad to be informed of any inaccuracies in this List.

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N.B.-Legacies, etc., received during 1896 are acknowledged on pages 51-57.

REGULATIONS FOR VISITING THE COLLEGE.

Subscribers and friends who may wish to visit the College, can do so on application to the Principal. Special Visitors' Day, first Thursday afternoon in each mouth during Term time. Literary Classes, 3 p.m. Music, 3.30 p.m. Gymnasium, t p.m. Primary School, 4.15 p.m. Technical School, 4.30 p.m.

Parents or friends can visit the pupils on the first Wednesday in November, February, April, and June, between 3 and 5 p.m. If, for any special reason, parents wish to see their children at other times, they should write to the Principal for an appointment. As a rule, it is not expected that more than two friends will visit any pupil on the same afternoon. When visiting the College, parents are cornestly requested not to bring young children with them. Friends caunot visit the pupils on Sunday; this rule is strictly enforced. Parents are specially requested not to bring or send sweets or catables to the children. If the children go out with their parents, they must not undertake commissions for other pupils.

The College is situated at Upper Norwood. The entrance is in Westow Street, near the Crystal Palace High Level Station. An outline Map showing the position of the College, and of the different Railway Stations in the neighbourhood, will be found on the next page.

The Principal can be seen on business between 2 and 3 p.m. Tuesdays (the second Tuesday excepted); also at the same hour on the first Thursday in each month. Persons wishing to call at other times should make a special appointment.

INFORMATION FOR INTENDING CONTRIBUTORS.

Annual Subscriptions, Donations, and Legacies are earnestly requested, and will be thankfully received by the Hon. Treasurers or by the Principal, at the College,

Cheques and Post Office Orders should be crossed, and may be drawn in favour of the Hon. Treasurers, or the Principal, F. J. Campbell, Esq., L.L.D., Royal Normal College, Westow Street, Upper Norwood, S.E.

The Principal of the College will be happy to furnish further information, and to forward copies of this Report and various papers to all who may be willing to assist in bringing its claims under the notice of the public.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

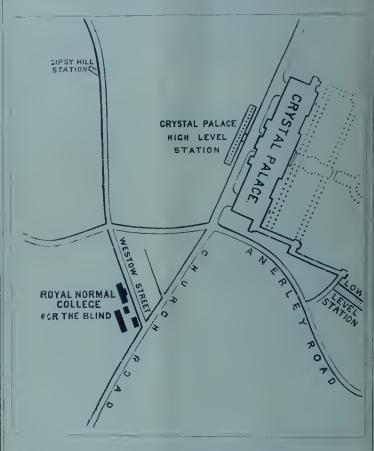
I bequeath to the ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE BLIND, at Upper Norwood, for the general purposes of that Institution, the sum of the Treasurer or one of the Treasurers for the time being of that Institution, shall be a good discharge for such legacy.

N.B.—Any property may now be given by Will for charitable purposes.

The Will or Codicil must be signed by the Testator in the presence of two witnesses, who must subscribe their names in his presence and in the presence of each other.

OUTLINE MAP

Showing the Position of the College at Upper Norwood, and of the Railway stations in the Neighbourhood



THE PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO VISIT THE COLLEGE.

Regulations for Visitors may be found on the 3rd page of the Cover of this Report.